WHEREAS, Unseasonable heavy snow falls, extreme cold temperatures, and high winds in the northern/eastern counties of South Dakota have jeopardized the lives and property of many residents; and,

WHEREAS, This condition caused extensive road blockages, power outages, high fuel/power consumption and considerable financial hardship on private and public funds; and,

WHEREAS, The preliminary reports indicate that conditions are beyond local control; and,

WHEREAS, Outside resources may be needed to support County Government in the affected area(s):

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR of the State of South Dakota, under the provisions of SDCL 33-15, otherwise known as the Emergency and Disaster Service Law, do hereby declare an emergency to exist in the stricken area(s) and authorize such functions as necessary to effect relief and restoration within the legal boundaries of:

Butte County, South Dakota

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED that the resources available to State Government will be utilized under the coordination of the State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Division of Emergency and Disaster Service, in support of County Government efforts in the protection of lives and property in the affected areas.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of South Dakota in Pierre, the Capital City, this 13th day of FEBRUARY, 1978 at 5:45 PM CST.

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RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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